

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 18 and 19 are pending.

Claims 1-8, 12-16, 18 and 19 have been allowed.

Claim 9 has been amended to further clarify the claimed invention.

New claim 20 has been added. Support for this claim is found on at least pages 12-13 of the specification and figures 4A through 4C.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claims 9-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ando. Applicant traverses these rejections because Ando fails to disclose or suggest all of the claim limitations. Specifically, Ando fails to disclose or suggest at least the following limitations of claim 9:

supplies the recording files to the recording/reproducing manage unit to reproduce the recording files in response to a reproduction instruction; and is capable of supplying a first one of the recording files in parallel with recording a second one of the recording files, the first one having been recorded earlier than the second one.

As shown above, one of the claimed features of the claimed invention is that reproduction of a first recording file of the program is made concurrently with the recording of the second recording file of the program, wherein the first recording file has been recorded. This feature is not disclosed or suggested in Ando. Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 9.

Regarding claims 10 and 11, they should be allowable at least based on their dependence from claim 9 for the reasons described above.

New claim 20 should also be allowable for reasons similar to those for claim 9.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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